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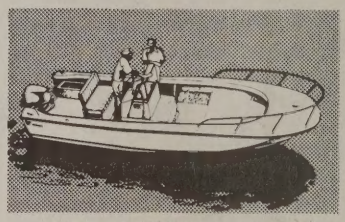

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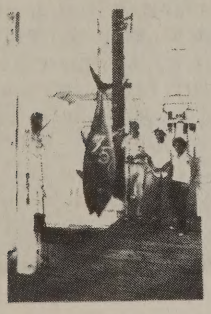

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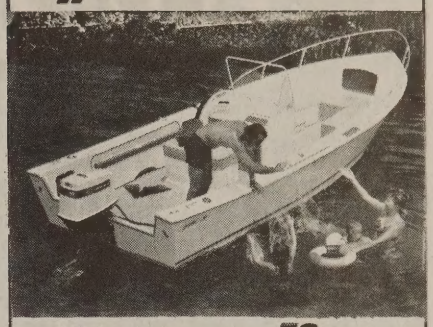

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One of the more difficult facets of the editor's job is that he is occasionally required to disseminate bad news to the readers of his publication.

With full realization that this is the Christmas season, that we are in the first minor throes of an energy situation which shall not be resolved for some years, and that prices of most goods continue to gallop out of reach — to join Kohoutek in its Valkyrian flight through the heavens, no doubt — I bring the additional, unwanted news that prices of The Long Island Fisherman will increase, as of January 1, 1974, to nine (9) dollars for subscriptions and twenty five cents ($.25) per single copy.

It would be easy to say nothing more of the matter and merely await the response through mails from an irate, incensed readership, and to let each coin topple as it will. However, we do feel an obligation to those that have been with us to explain why these price increases are necessary.

Last August we were advised by our supplier that we would be compelled to accept a 68% increase in the cost of the paper used to print The Fisherman. The complete text of the letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Reina:

We have been able to obtain a new source of 50-lb. offset paper for use in printing the Long Island Fisherman. Unfortunately, the cost price is a very steep increase over what we have been charged, and I feel sure you will understand that this increase cannot be absorbed by us.

Since 1969 your paper costs have been based on fifteen cents per pound. Our increase since June 1973 amounts to ten cents per pound which we are passing on to you, making your new paper cost twenty five cents per pound, an increase of 68%, and will be effective after August 13, 1973.

You are aware undoubtedly of the seriousness of the paper shortage — not only in newsprint but also in the higher priced papers used in magazines and other publications. Except for price, we feel fortunate in obtaining this new source of supply.

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Although the increase in the cost of paper, alone, would not have demolished our price structure, additional increases we had incurred, and were told we would have to accept in the beginning of 1974, were sufficient to force us in a direction that was totally undesired by everyone.

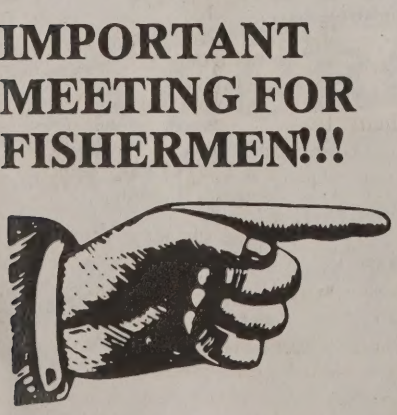
In July, The Fisherman was contacted by the U.S. Postal Service and informed that it would suffer an 18% increase in postal rates that month, and that there would be additional increases — averaging approximately 40% — that would face us when we awakened on January 5, 1974.

Our accountant surveyed the entire situation with his jaundiced financial eye, rapped his cane on the table as he tugged his scraggly, graying beard, shrugged, then indicated that one of two choices was ours to make — the first being to stop publishing our fancy fish wrapper because we were losing money, and would lose much more in the future. Businesses, even sporting magazines, apparently, cannot continue operations at a loss without quickly submitting themselves to a gamut of troubles and problems.

The decision was made — for better, we hope — to increase our rates and prices all around in order to continue bringing this magazine to Long Island fishermen. After all, that is our name.

We hope you will agree with the choice we made. In the past, whenever the undesireable duty of announcing a price raise confronted us, we afforded our readership the opportunity to renew or extend their present renewal for as many years as they wished before the new prices came into effect. Once again we will hold to our past policy. Any subscription received in this office postmarked before Midnight December 31st 1973 will be honored, no matter how many years the subscription is for.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR FISHERMEN!!!



The first of the Al Reinfelder Memorial Lectures will be presented by the Striped Bass Fund at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, 263rd Street and Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, New York on Saturday, December 8, 1973.

The program, entitled, "The world of Striped Bass: State of the Fishery" will include scientists covering the entire striped bass fishery in the United States and expert fishermen from the Carolinas to Maine.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration

10:30 a.m. — Nelson Bryant, New York Times Outdoor Writer....Opening Remarks.

12:30 p.m. — William Dovel, Marine Biologist of the Boyce-Thompson Institute...."Striped Bass Estuary Dynamics and Productivity". *Donald Baker,* Chief of Inland Fisheries for North Carolina, "Striped Bass Hatcheries and Stocking Lake and Inland Waters in the South and West". *Dr. Benjamin Florence,* Marine Biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Administration, Maryland, "Striped Bass Management, Tagging and Returns". *John Clark,* Conservation Foundation, Author of *Electrical Power Plants in the*

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Fishing Around

by Robert H. Schaefer

This year I've had the opportunity to fish around the country a bit, wetting a line at places like Cape Henry, Virginia, the Susquahanna River, Chesapeake Bay, and the waters off the island of Oahu in Hawaii. The fishing techniques varied, encompassing trolling, surfcasting, chumming, drift fishing, and plugging from a boat. I went out on open (head) boats, charter boats, and private boats. As I fished around, I tried to observe differences and make comparisons, and I think I learned a few lessons about the sport of fishing.

Let's take surfcasting to start with. Cape Henry, at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, is a broad, desolate beach of fine grained, dazzling white sand that backs up against high dunes. Here, as on many Long Island beaches, nature has provided an observation post for the alert surfcaster. From the height advantage offered by the sand dunes one can see the variations in water color that reveal the channels, sloughs, and other deep spots that you want to cast into. You can also see the game fish, blues and stripers, working the surface from a great distance and, if you're fleet of foot, you might even get to the school before they move out of casting range.

As always, low tide is the best time to "read" a beach, for then you can more readily see where the shallow places are. This knowledge will also let you set the limits as to how far out you can safely wade. Nothing is more embarrassing than to be fishing a beach and suddenly having a surfcaster come along and wade out further than you are throwing your lure. When that happens, you know you're in the wrong spot and had better learn some more about the topography of that beach.

In July I was surfcasting from the beach at Koko Head Park on Oahu. The beach looked "fishy" and I had tried all the likely spots, but without luck. Then I saw an Islander who was fishing with cut bait and I asked him how he was doing. "Hell, son," (he was at least thirty years my senior) "I'm just enjoying being here. If I wanted to catch fish I'd go out in a boat. Won't catch any fish from any beach on this island because there's no bait fish in these coves. The natives come along with their casting nets and clean 'em all out."

As I traveled around Oahu I saw what he was talking about. Singly, and in pairs, people were casting their nets and catching all the small bait fish that typically hug the shoreline. The result of this net fishing is an interruption in the normal food chain. What happens is that the larger game fish come into shore looking for a meal and, when they can't find food, they quickly leave to look elsewhere. The surfcaster comes up empty handed.

Don't rely on the physical characteristics of a beach as the sole indicator of its fishing potential. When I returned to Long Island, I fished my normal haunts at Makamah Beach, Crab Meadow, and Sand City. Small bait fish schooled around me as I stood in the shallow water. The phenomenon of attracting bait fish simply by standing quietly in waist deep water always fascinates me, and it's also an almost infallible indicator of how the fishing is going to be, for if there are bait fish in abundance, lunkers can't be far away. Look for bait fish close in along the shoreline. This is usually a sign that lunkers are on the prowl in deeper waters offshore. Try to see if bait fish dart out ahead of you as you wade into the water and notice if they regroup in a school around you when you are standing still. If the bait fish are plentiful the big fish will be there soon enough.

As you cast, keep your eyes and ears open so you are in tune with your surroundings; no event in the behavior pattern of the wildlife should go unnoticed. Learn what is normal and what is unusual. Watch for signs of activity in and on the water. Changes in the bait fish's behavior will provide you with clues that the action is about to start. For instance, if a school of small bait fish suddenly skitters across the water surface, you can be sure they are being chased by a predator. Cast into that area immediately. Likely as not, You'll be rewarded with a hit.

This past weekend I fished at Makamah Beach and, for the first time, noticed a marked reduction in the number of bait fish in the water. Also for the first time, I didn't get any blues or stripers. Now comes the kicker: as I fished two men worked their way down the beach with a casting net, scooping up all they could and dumping those few small fry into a pail. No doubt the blues and stripers had done their part in cleaning out the bait fish, but let's face it, they're entitled to them.

I've been blue fishing from a charter boat in the Chesapeake Bay a couple of times this year. Almost all of the charter boats there troll; only one or two captains are familiar with chumming. A typical Chesapeake trolling rig includes a sixteen ounce sinker. Five lines are trolled, and the skipper doesn't stop the boat when a fish is on because the other lines would become snarled in a hopeless tangle. So, the blue is dragged through the water by the boat while at the same time trying to swim with a small anchor in his mouth. How much fight can he give you when he's handicapped like that?

In my opinion, that's really taking the sport out of fishing. After the first trip I brought along my little freshwater spinning outfit and waited until we found a school on the top. I managed to hook and boat three blues that day, the largest of which was six pounds. Not a world's record for six pound test line, but he gave me thirty minutes of fighting fun — which leads me to my next point.

I've found it isn't so much how many fish you catch, but rather how you catch them that makes the day. Just as shooting rabbits with an elephant gun is a bit much, so is taking a five pound fish on fifty pound line.

The same kind of thing happened in Hawaii. I showed up at the charter boat with a 4/0 reel loaded with thirty pound line and a rod to match. The mate laughed as he compared it to the 8/0 reels mounted on meat sticks that was their standard equipment. Yes, I would

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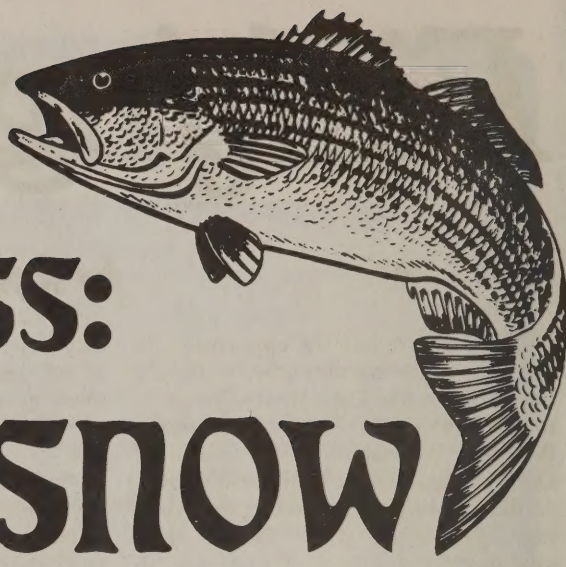

Striped Bass: PRAY FOR SNOW

by Don Millus

I used to think that the first snowfall in late autumn was the signal to put away the fishing rods and get ready in earnest for the skiing or TV football season, but I learned last fall that an early snowfall can be a cheerful event for a really dedicated striped bass fisherman. In fact, that early snowfall on a mid-October Thursday morning was the background to some of the fastest striper fishing I've ever seen.

Most striper fishermen who ply their trade from shores and beaches know that the striper usually makes the angler work hard for his catch. Sure, there are those mid-day blitzes in the fall where everything thrown into the surf and popped or jigged brings the swirl of a big, hungry cow. And then there are those occasional days in late spring when the bass will take worms all day long: those are the days I usually manage to miss by a day or two. But most of the time the bass will be caught at night, or at dawn or dusk. Striped bass fishermen probably spend more money on flashlight batteries and lanterns than any other breed of angler.

On the theory that the bass makes his dedicated followers suffer in order to win him over to a baited hook or artificial lure, that first snowy day of October last year was made to order for stripers. My younger brother had called me the day before to say he was coming up for some fishing. By the time he had gotten off the train from New York, the New Haven sky was clouded and the wind was picking up. Our plans to go out on one of the open boats that fish the Race for blues began to look more and more tentative, and the weather forecast of fog and rain didn't give us any reason for optimism.

Things always look better after a big dinner and a few glasses of even domestic wine, and it would have been a shame to waste a trip up to Connecticut on just sleeping-in. The boat fishing for blues didn't look that appealing - by now the wind was up to twenty five miles an hour - so we decided to get up at four a.m. and drive down to Long Island Sound at Milford to give it a shot for stripers.

The only thing that kept me from going back to bed the next morning was the fact that the wind seemed to have died a bit. If we had realized how it was whipping in at the beach we probably would have cancelled the trip right there.

The ride down the Wilbur Cross Parkway didn't exactly lift our spirits. Fog lay in the lower parts of the road and the rain of the evening before had turned to snow flurries. We were almost reluctant to get out of the warm car and don our foul weather gear, but by the time I got my slicker top all tied up at the waist and neck I felt I could tolerate the weather for a time.

Late fall fishing has taught me to be cautious about dressing warmly, and by the time we moved down to the beach at Milford we were perspiring inside our rubber gear, despite the chill of the morning. As we looked out into the Sound it seemed that the day had been made just for a grade B horror movie. The snow was still coming down, driven by a sharp wind from the east. Visibility was down to twenty feet and the fog seemed to lie right down on the water. Since the air was a lot more cold than the water, the heat given up by the Sound contributed to the misty appearance of the morning. However, we had come to fish, and so I waded out knee deep and began casting a six inch "Alou" eel. I had never had much luck with it as a casting lure, but our usual staple for fall fishing, the five and a half inch "Rebel" or similar light, wobbling,

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underwater lure, was just too light to cast into the wind. The eel had hardly hit the water when I felt something on the line.

Five minutes later I had managed to get my lure unsnagged from the rocky bottom without losing it. Lures lost on the high tide can always be picked up when the tide moves way out, if you're lucky, but it's hard to get the right compromise between a slow retrieve and one that will keep the lure off the rock-filled bottoms of the shallow beaches.

My second cast hit a fish. He splashed to the surface immediately, in the fashion typical of the school bass hooked in this area. He wouldn't go much more than eighteen inches, but it was at least a sign of life.

My brother was into a fish soon after on a jointed plug that had a bit more weight. Again, it was a small striper and, despite our elation at salvaging some fish out of the miserable weather, it was a sign that we probably wouldn't hook into any big bass that day. The "schoolies" seemed to be out en masse.

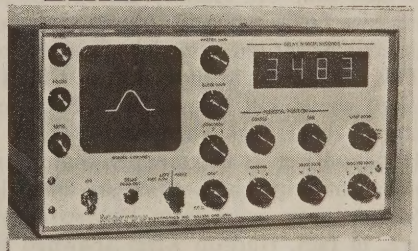
As if to lure us into more fishing, the wind died down enough to allow us to switch to the more effective, but harder to cast, "Rebels." It seemed to be what the fish were waiting for. Practically every cast that went out fifty feet or so was hit by the seemingly starved bass, but every other fish was under sixteen inches, with a good number of the others not too much bigger. The shorts went back and our fingers grew numb with the cold. The fish felt warm to the touch, coming from a Sound that had still not given off all the warmth absorbed over the summer.

The day had dawned dull and overcast, and we took a break for some hot coffee back in the car. Out in the Sound no boats could be seen; wall to wall whitecaps filled the horizon. The tide was still coming in, but when we again started to cast the bass had moved. Despite the foul weather, the light of day had moved them out into deeper water . . . or so we thought. With our fingers again numb we picked up the fish we had kept and started to move down the beach. The flash of birds and a splashing in the water up the beach signalled what looked like some more action. Numbed fingers and wet faces were forgotten as we moved closer.

A young man clad in dungarees and a baseball jacket was standing on a seawall, popping a plug in the middle of the rising fish. He was soaked to the skin but the cold and dampness didn't stop him. I switched to a popper with a wire leader attached (we fish the "Rebels" without any leader or snap swivel for the bass) in hopes of hooking a blue. The fish were breaking in the surf less than twenty feet from shore. I cast and cast again, popping, gurgling, coaxing and cajoling with the surface plug. No luck. It was infuriating.

Just for laughs I switched to the underwater plug again and had a hard hit on my first cast. It didn't run like a blue, but splashed to the surface; it was another bass, this one of a more respectable size. They really liked the rotten weather. By the time I left an hour later I had taken four more about twenty inches in length from that area. Three of them hit next to a seawall in what I later noted to be nine inches of water.

By the time we got home to North Haven, and had our soggy gear hung up to dry, the snow had changed entirely to rain. But under the pines along the parkway the blown flurries had left a trace of white that didn't melt until the afternoon. We didn't have much snow the rest of the year, but the bass stayed around until into November. This year I'm looking forward to the first snow. Maybe the bass will like it, too.



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CON EDISON'S COOLING TOWERS

by Art Glowka

(Editor's Note: This article was submitted earlier this year, and circumstances have been somewhat altered since then: the AEC has ordered Con Edison to install closed-cycle cooling systems by May 1, 1978. Interim protective measures must be developed by the utility by January 1, 1974. Latest figures for costs of cooling towers: Con Ed states a $70 million initial cost, with annual operating costs of $16 million; other utilities have constructed them for $20 million, exact operating costs not available, but considerably lower than the $16 million quoted by spokesmen for Con Ed. The battle is not yet over, and the readers are advised to keep abreast of the latest news.)

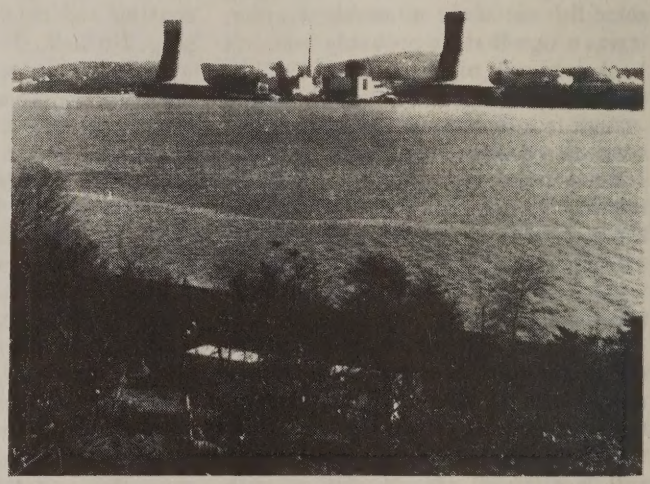
Last fall, the Atomic Energy Commission published a massive environmental impact statement which rocked the electric power industry right down to its atomic reactor core. This study clearly showed that Con Ed's Indian Point #2 plant would kill from 30 to 50% of each year's supply of striped bass eggs and larvae which are spawned in the Hudson River. It also revealed that the greatest proportion of the adult striped bass which are found in the ocean along the Mid-Atlantic coast from Delaware through Massachusetts are, in fact, Hudson River spawned fish.

Two follow up studies which were just published this February combined the damaging effects of ALL the power plants along the Hudson. When all these plants are operating, the predicted fish kill rises to 40 to 60% of each year's spawned fish and the water temperature of the whole river is raised 15°F. over normal ambient which, in many cases, is lethal to adult fish.

It's not just striped bass that we're talking about, but every species of fish in the river could be affected. However, most of the devastation would be brought to bear against the anadromous fishes like the tomcod, bay anchovy, blueback herring, alewife, smelt, shad, and white perch. When we start talking about killing these numbers of this many species, we've stopped talking about conservation and ecology; we're now talking about survival of the entire Hudson River.

What makes the threat of this tragedy even more senseless is that it can be entirely prevented by a very simple solution that Con Ed is fighting with all the attorneys and millions of dollars that it can muster. Cooling towers, plain and simple, would completely eliminate all the damage to the Hudson that is now caused by impingement, entrainment, and thermal pollution when once-through cooling is used.

Cooling towers are nothing more than huge, natural draft chimneys. The heated outflow water from the plant is pumped inside the tower and allowed to cascade down like falling rain. As this warm water falls, cooler outside air rushes in because of the draft created and, as it passes through the warm water, it cools it by evaporation. (This is much the same as the draft formed in a fireplace and chimney combination.) The cooled water is collected in a pool at the bottom of the tower and pumped back into the plant to recool the condensers.



Indian Point with cooling towers superimposed.

So, instead of sucking 600,000 gallons of water per minute from the river and, in the process, impinging, entraining, and thermally shocking thousands of fish eggs and larvae, only a mere trickle of 5,000 gallons of water per minute need be added to the system to replenish the water which was evaporated. And, further, there is no 600,000 gallons of hot water being returned to the river each minute where it can lure adult and juvenile striped bass to their deaths when they are overwintering and lethargic during cold water conditions.

Cooling towers offer almost 100% protection to the river and its entire biota. They allow the electric generating plants to run just as effectively and efficiently as they do with once-through cooling. Then why don't the power companies along the Hudson want to use them and why are they fighting against their installation so hard? I basically think that it's

just plain stupidity.

Con Ed claims that cooling towers are too expensive, 90 million dollars or so are their figures. (Actually, 20 million is a closer number based on other utilities' experiences.) They say that cooling towers will cause ice fogs, down drafts of salt water spray, and that the towers are ugly. (I wonder why the smoke and radiation coming out of their smoke stacks never cause downdrafts?) To prove all these horrors more forcibly, they took some of the directors of the Hudson River Fisherman's Association on a trip to West Virginia and Virginia in December of 1971 to visit some power plants with cooling towers.

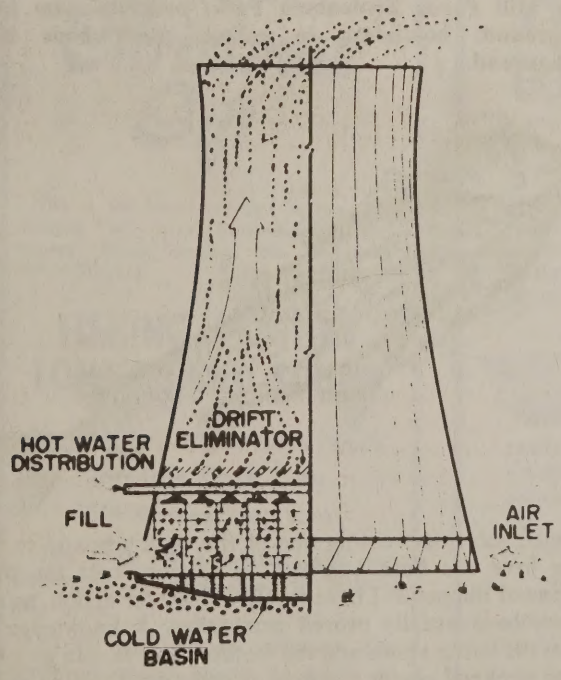
But they must not have done their homework, because in the plants we visited, the engineers were unanimously ecstatic about the operation of their cooling towers. We kept asking, "Do you have any problems with icing?", "Is fogging a problem?" "Do the local people complain about the towers?", "Is there any downdraft?" Even we were surprised because, in each and every instance, the answer to all of these questions was a resounding NO.

Sure, the towers are big, 400 plus feet high and 300 plus feet in diameter; they have to be to cool that much hot water with a natural draft. Their hyperbolic shape is rather pleasing to the eye. I see tham all the time as I fly over the Appalachian mountains and they certainly look a hell of a lot better than the devastating scars of strip mining or the scummy colored, polluted rivers which infest the area. Cooling towers are nothing new to Europe, where they are used extensively without any complaints of any kind. There are electric utility companies in the south who are actively promoting the use of cooling towers with their plants by using pretty colored magazine ads showing happy children smiling and laughing as they inspect a model of a power plant with cooling towers. There's nothing wrong with them, everything right, so why the fight?

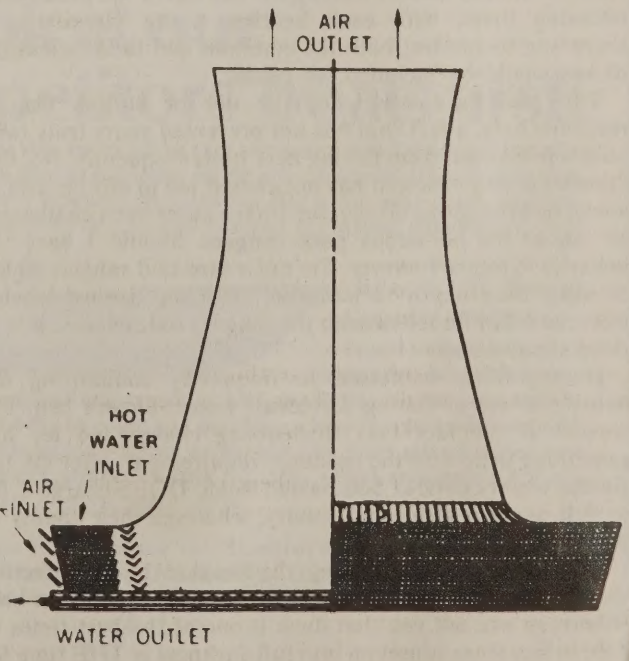
Presently, the Atomic Energy Commission says that Con Ed must install some other method of cooling their condenser water on Indian Point #2, (the 30% to 50% killer), by 1978, five years from now. They must come up with a plan of how they're going to accomplish this by July of this year. The Striped Bass Fund and the Hudson River Fisherman's Association insist that cooling towers must be installed within two years to protect the striped bass fishery of the Atlantic coast. Con Ed's answer to all of this is that they should be given more time to study the biology of the river. They've already been studying it for seven years and have spent millions of dollars in the process which should have been spent for cooling towers.

The Hudson River Fisherman's Association and the Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference have been fighting for the Hudson for ten years. We're not wild-eyed radicals insisting on instant cures, but reasonable men who offer viable solutions to the fish kill problem. Eight years ago we insisted that the alternative to the Storm King pumped storage project should be gas turbines for peaking capacity. Impossible, said Con Ed. But, during the past few days, Mr. Charles Luce, Con Ed's chairman, has been proudly announcing that the company is in good shape for the coming summer because it has *2.3 million kilowatts of gas turbine peaking capacity.*

Remember, without cooling towers, the survival of the striped bass along the Atlantic coast of the United States is doubtful. Support the fight of the Striped Bass Fund and the HRFA to get them installed.



NATURAL DRAFT EVAPORATIVE COOLING TOWER



Crossflow Natural Draft Hyperbolic Water Cooling Tower

Blydenberg Park

by Don Vetter

At the west end of New Mill Road, south from Jericho Turnpike in Smithtown, lies the Suffolk County Park known as Blydenburg. The park's principle interest, from the fisherman's point of view, is the fact that it encompasses New Mill Pond, which contains largemouth bass, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, yellow perch, and brown bullheads. Boats are available for hire, and the bass and bluegill fishing is good enough to place this water near the top of any list of Long Island's freshwater fishing holes.

Could I stop right here, I would have succeeded in painting a rosy picture indeed of this particular park, but should I do that, I would be telling only half the story, for the management of Blydenburg presents a picture of top-heavy and misdirected bureaucracy in action. Before proceeding further, I had better make clear that the views expressed here are strictly my own, and in no way represent the policy of the magazine, lest the L.I.F. office be overrun by irate Suffolk County officials. I suggest, rather, that said officials should call me at home if they have any complaints regarding these scribblings.

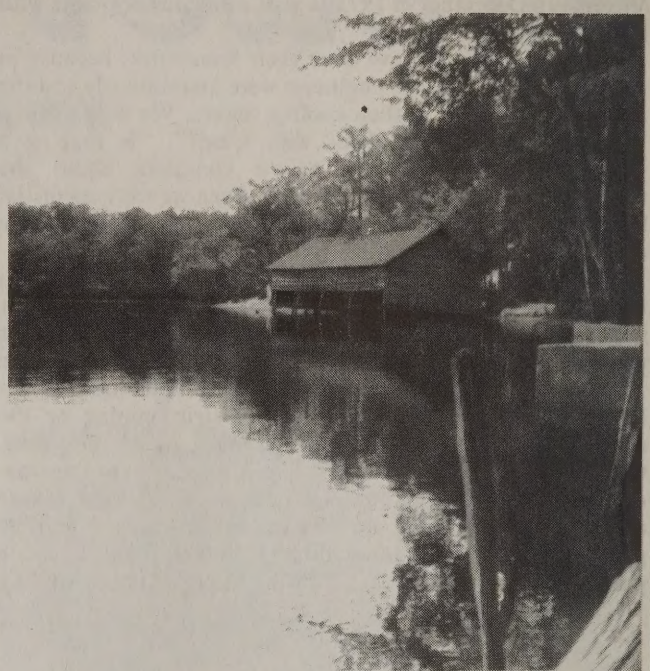
The first sight to assault the eyes, after one has descended the path down to the lake, is that of trees clearly labeled as to species: American Elm, Red Maple, and so on, ad nauseum. With all due deferrence to students of "nature," this sort of thing smacks of 1984 to my mind and, carried to its ultimate extreme, should include seining the fish out of the pond, then releasing them, with each bearing a tag identifying it according to species; both the common and latin (scientific) names would be included, of course.

This park is reserved for the use of Suffolk County residents only, a fact that has not prevented yours truly (who abides in Nassau) from fishing here quite frequently. No, this "residents only" dictum has not caused me to dip my pen in vitriol in writing this article, for I have never been challenged by any of the numerous park rangers. Should I have the temerity to return however, I'm quite sure said rangers would be more than happy to hang me from the nearest labeled tree; the tall, thin fellow with the long fly rod, fellows, just so there's no mistake.

Having freely confessed to frequently committing the heinous crime of fishing forbidden water, I can't help but wonder if the fact that Blydenburg charges no fee has something to do with the residency requirement; after all, the similar county park at Southaven, which DOES charge a fee to fish, is open to all and sundry, whatever their county of origin.

Apart from all the foregoing, the fact that the entire facility closes up shop at dusk is my chief gripe. Any competent bass fisherman will tell you that dusk is one of the best times to fish; in fact from sunset on into full darkness is THE time for largemouths.

Since I have delved into the drawbacks of fishing at Blydenburg to such an extent, it seems only just for me to dwell for a bit on some of the good points. Fear of being challenged for I.D. or some proof of Suffolk residency has prevented me from renting one of the park's boats, so my fishing here has been confined to casting from the west shoreline of the pond; I have rarely wanted for action, as the shallows have usually proved productive. A knowledge of some of the better spots, and the methods to use, can give the average weekend angler a chance at some good fishing along that shore.



New Mill Pond, Blydenberg Park: concrete dam in foreground; boathouse in center; weed beds in background.

The weed-choked shallows at the extreme south end of the western shore are the bluegill capital of Long Island, and some of the 'gills reach weights of a pound or better. Although the trees make backcasts something of an adventure (and are festooned, in their upper branches, with

some of my favorite bluegill bugs), the fly rod provides the maximum sport with these panfish, and is usually the most effective method of taking them anyhow.

Due to the heavy weed growth, and in deferrence to the size which some of the bluegills attain here (not to mention the habit of a hooked 'gill heading straight for the densest weed available), a rather heavy outfit is in order, one that would serve for bass fishing. An eight and a half foot fly rod with an 8 weight bug taper floating line (WF8F) serves nicely, and if you decide to switch to bass fishing with the heavier, more wind resistant bugs, you won't have to change rigs.

Small cork, balsa, or plastic bodied popping bugs, tied on hooks no larger than #6, will do the trick when cast to open pockets or around the edges of the surface weeds. The sponge rubber bodied water cricket on a #8 hook, which I have so often mentioned in this column, reigns supreme for bluegills in these waters. Whichever surface lure you use, remember to allow it to rest a considerable time after it hits the water, before you begin to work it, then work it very slowly with plenty of pauses between twitches. Bluegills take a surface bug deliberately, and striking too soon is the most common mistake when a 'gill hits. Wet flies are not very productive here, as the weeds grow near the surface, even in the open pockets, and a sub-surface lure will usually collect nothing but greensward.

As you first approach the pond, just a little way beyond the boat rental station, you will notice a series of isolated lily pad beds within casting distance of shore. These beds can be prime bass producers, particularly late in the day. An unweighted or very lightly weighted plastic worm (the water all along this section of shoreline is relatively shallow), cast to the edge of the lily pads, allowed to settle a moment and then worked slowly shorewards with a series of lifts of the rod tip, will often get good results.

The water is relatively free of obstructions, aside from the lily pad beds themselves; a medium action spinning rod with 8 or even 6 pound test mono is capable of handling most any bass you are likely to encounter, and allows for long casts with light lures. The small Rapala is another good lure for these pad beds, but reaching them with this plug is difficult unless you are fortunate enough to have a wind behind you.

About halfway down the west shore an old boathouse with its weathered frame and swayback roof straddles the water. Boathouses, particularly those in relatively deep water, always seem to hold a fatal fascination for bass, and this one, though located in the shallows, is no exception. Very late in the day, just before the park shuts down, a well placed cast to the south corner of the boathouse can often produce a nice bass. This corner, which I always refer to as the "Devil's Pocket" (mainly because it is devilishly difficult to cast to with a fly rod), has given up many a respectable bass to me, victims of such fly rod lures as deer hair bass bugs and a small, floating plastic frog. Though the water here is barely deep enough to keep a decent bass submerged, there is usually one around at dusk or on a cloudy day. The shade the old boathouse provides and the baitfish which gather around it, must be the attractions. Fishing from INSIDE the boathouse is a no-no, by the way.

Before leaving for home, a few casts with a plastic worm, or any of a variety of small sub-surface lures, in all directions from the little concrete dam is often worth the effort, as this is another bass-gathering ground. All things considered, Blydenburg Park is not a bad spot at all, even if it does suffer a bit from over-management.

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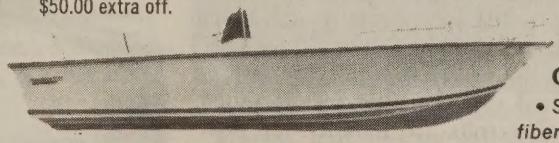

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Gifts for Fishermen

by Vlad Evanoff

If you have a fisherman on your Christmas gift list you may be wondering what you should get him for Christmas. If he's a fishing buddy or friend of yours, and you know what kind of fishing he does or likes, you probably have a good idea of what he wants or lacks in the way of fishing tackle or accessories.

Choosing a gift for an angler is more difficult if you don't know what the angler needs, or if you don't fish yourself and aren't familiar with fishing tackle and accessories. Many wives or other relatives of anglers, for example, who do not fish, may be confused when selecting among the many fishing tackle items on the market. The following information should help these buyers select the proper gift for a fisherman.

If the angler you know fishes from a boat, he can usually use an extra saltwater trolling rod or two. One of the most popular is a trolling rod in the 30-pound test line class, which can be used for bluefish, striped bass, white marlin and the smaller school tuna. Or you can get a somewhat heavier trolling rod in the 50-pound class, which can be used for the larger striped bass, white marlin and school tuna in the heavier weights; it can also be used for the smaller sharks. If your angler friend likes to go after swordfish, blue marlin, giant tuna and big sharks, then a heavier trolling rod—in the 80 or 130-pound class—is better for such fishing.

Trolling reels for the rods above also make good Christmas gifts; almost any angler can use another reel or two. They come in different sizes, with the 3/0, 4/0 and 6/0 reels for light and medium weight rods and the 9/0, 12/0 and 14/0 reels for the heavier rods.

Almost all boat anglers and surf anglers can use an additional casting rod. Spinning outfits are especially useful and versatile, and the angler who casts for bluefish or striped bass from a boat or shore always finds use for a nine or ten foot surf rod with a medium sized spinning surf reel for such fishing. The somewhat shorter rods are handier for boat casting, while the longer surf rods up to 11 and even 12 feet are usually preferred for casting from the beaches. The largest surf or saltwater spinning reels go with such rods if you are getting a complete outfit.

One of the most versatile casting outfits you can buy, one which is used by most boat or shore anglers for light fishing, is a one-handed spinning rod six to seven feet in overall length, with an accompanying light saltwater spinning reel. Even if your angler friend or husband owns such an outfit, a spare rod in this weight is most always welcome.

One item of fishing tackle which no angler has enough of, or will refuse, is fishing line. Anglers who do a lot of fishing frequently replace old fishing lines, so they always need new ones. Lines for offshore trolling, made of monofilament or Dacron, come in strengths from 12 to 130 pounds. You can be pretty sure that the offshore fisherman can use lines testing 20, 30, 50 or 80 pounds.

For boat or surf casting you can get monofilament lines testing 8 or 10 pounds for light, one-handed spinning rods, or lines testing 12, 18, 20 or 25 pounds for the heavier spinning outfits. Keep to popular brand names; they are generally the best.

Another item of fishing tackle which a gift buyer can get, and be certain an angler will use, is a fishing lure or two. Just find our what kind of fishing your recipient does and ask the store clerk to recommend a good lure or two for such fishing. There are so many spoons, plugs, tube lures, feathers and jigs on the market you can always find some lures which can be used by the boat or surf angler.

Fishing tackle boxes also make good gifts because there is always a need for another box to hold the many lures and smaller items every fisherman accumulates. For the saltwater angler, get one of the larger tackle boxes made of plastic,

Such items as a tackle box, extra lures, lines, and a fish gripper are welcomed by most anglers as gifts.

A good accessory as a Christmas gift is a reel case to protect the reel from damage.

aluminum or wood. For freshwater anglers there is less of a problem, since the majority of the tackle boxes on the market are designed for the inland fisherman.

Fishing tackle sales people can be very helpful in giving advice on what kind of gear to buy, but you must be able to tell them what kind of fishing your friend or relative likes, and how and where he fishes.

Finally, if you hesitate when looking at fishing tackle because you aren't sure what kind to purchase, you can always buy a fishing book as a Christmas gift. Simply determine whether he does fresh or saltwater fishing, and buy a book on that kind of angling. Some of the new books which have been published recently include:

HOW TO CATCH SALTWATER FISH, by Bill Wisner
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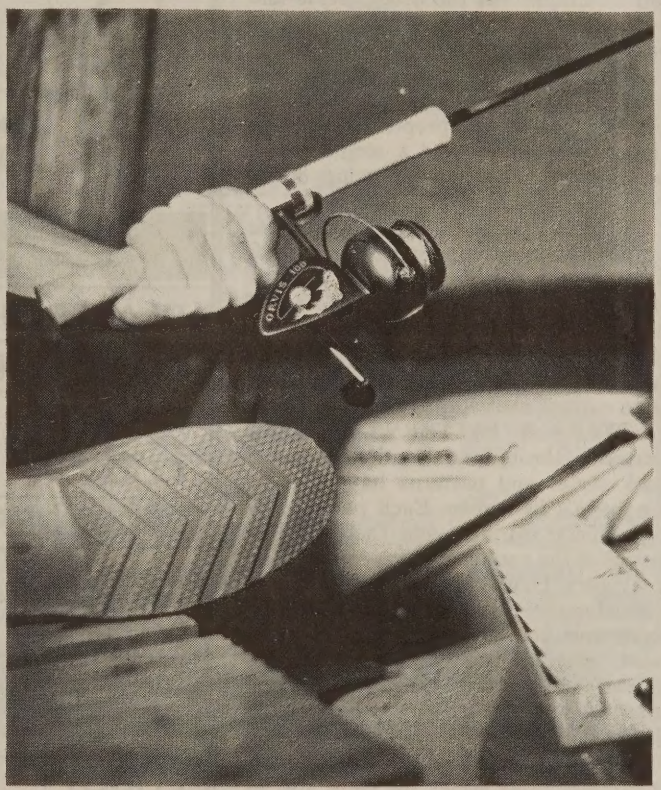
Most of the books above can be ordered from your local bookstore if they don't have it in stock. Or, you can send a check or money order directly to the publisher for the desired copy.

Another suggestion for a Christmas gift is a subscription to a fishing magazine such as *The Long Island Fisherman.* If your angler friend or relative fishes in Long Island or nearby waters, he is certain to find helpful information throughout the year by reading this publication.



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SELECTING HOOKS

by Scott Simons

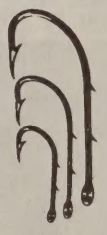
How many anglers walk into their local tackle shop and ask for "Blackfish hooks" instead of "No. 8 Carlisle"? Not many anglers really know what size and style hook they require for a particular species. To help the angler better understand the numbering system used to denote hook sizes and the different hook patterns, the "Hook Selection" table (below), has been compiled for L.I. Fisherman readers.

The fish hook is the last and most vital link in the chain of fishing tackle and technique. All the other tackle and techniques you use serve one purpose—to get the hook to the fish's mouth. The hook catches the fish. You can locate a school of fish, have the correct equipment and bait, use all the proper fishing techniques, yet fail to land a single fish because the hook you are using is the WRONG STYLE or WRONG SIZE.

Different species of fish have different shaped mouths, requiring a specific hook style for each particular fish. In regards to hook sizes, a good rule-of-thumb is "Big fish can be caught on a small hook easier than small fish can be caught on a big hook." So when in doubt as to correct hook size, lean to the small.

STYLES & PATTERNS—Over the centuries, through trial and error, many hook styles and patterns have evolved for today's fishermen. Each pattern has a particular purpose, and the proper selection of the correct pattern can often be a mystery. Due to the fact that much of the criteria for selecting hooks is personal preference, there is often great disagreement, even among experts, as to the proper hook styles for the various species of fish. This often causes much confusion to the novice and average fisherman. The "Hook Selection" table lists the two most commonly used styles for each species.

SIZES—Hook sizes are distinguished by a numbering system for easy identification. The smallest sizes for fresh water begin with the Number 22, and decrease in number to a Number 1 hook, with each decreasing number a slightly larger hook size. Example: A Number 10 hook is smaller than a Number 8. After the Number 1 size hook, a slash followed by a zero is added to denote the larger sizes: 1/0, 2/0, 3/0, etc. The larger the number, the larger the hook. Example: A 4/0 hook is larger than a 2/0. This somewhat unusual numbering system may be somewhat confusing at first, but once mastered is a very important factor that helps the angler when buying hooks.



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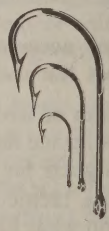

SPECIES	HOOK STYLES	SIZES	BEST BAITS
BLACKFISH	CARLISLE VIRGINIA	No. 8 thru 1/0	GREEN CRAB, CLAMS, FIDDLER CRAB
BLOWFISH	CARLISLE CHESTERTOWN	No. 12 thru 1/0	BLOOD WORMS, CLAMS, SQUID STRIPS
BLUEFISH	O'SHAUGHNESSY EAGLE CLAW	6/0 thru 8/0	BUTTERFISH, BUNKER, MACKEREL
COD	EAGLE CLAW SPROAT	6/0 thru 9/0	CLAM, SQUID STRIPS, CONCH, MACKEREL CHUNKS
FLOUNDER	CHESTERTOWN	No. 12 thru No. 6	BLOOD WORMS, CLAMS, MUSSELS
FLUKE	CARLISLE (Kirbed) SPROAT	2/0 thru 6/0	KILLIE, SQUID, SMELT, FLUKE BELLY STRIPS
KINGFISH	CHESTERTOWN EAGLE CLAW	No. 6 thru 1/0	SHRIMP, BLOODWORM, SQUID STRIPS
MACKEREL	O'SHAUGHNESSY TREBLE HOOK	1/0 thru 3/0 TREBLE	SQUID STRIPS, BAITFISH, SMALL JIGS & TUBES
MARLIN	SOBEY SALMON	8/0 or 9/0	RIGGED EELS & SQUID, WHOLE FISH
PORGY	SPROAT ABERDEEN	No. 6 thru 1/0	CLAM, BLOODWORM, SQUID STRIPS
POLLACK	SPROAT EAGLE CLAW	6/0 thru 8/0	SQUID STRIPS, CLAM, DIAMOND JIGS
SEABASS	SPROAT EAGLE CLAW	No. 4 thru 5/0	CLAM, SQUID STRIPS SHEDDER CRABS
SHARKS	SOBEY SEA DEMON	9/0 thru 12/0	BUNKER, SQUID, MACKEREL
SNOWSHOE	CHESTERTOWN ABERDEEN	No. 10 thru No. 6	CLAM, MUSSELS, BLOODWORM
STRIPED BASS	O'SHAUGHNESSY EAGLE CLAW	4/0 thru 6/0	SAND WORM, EELS, CLAM, BUNKER
SWORDFISH	SOBEY SEA DEMON	9/0 thru 14/0	RIGGED SQUID, MULLET MACKEREL
TUNA	TUNA SOBEY	7/0 thru 9/0	MACKEREL, MENHADEN, BUTTERFISH
WEAKFISH	SPROAT EAGLE CLAW	1/0 thru 3/0	SHRIMP, SAND WORM, SQUID STRIPS

FISH & GAME NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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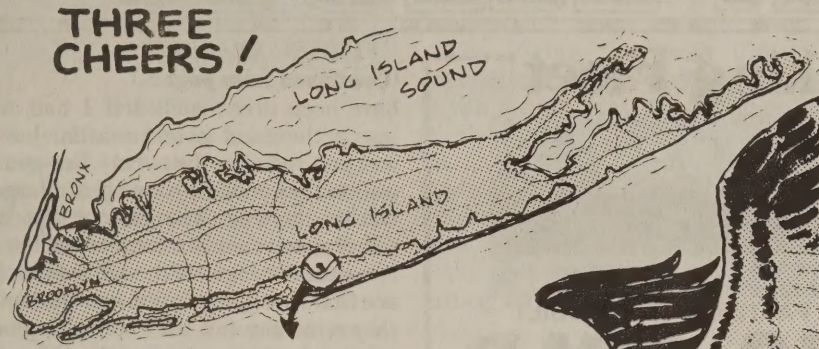

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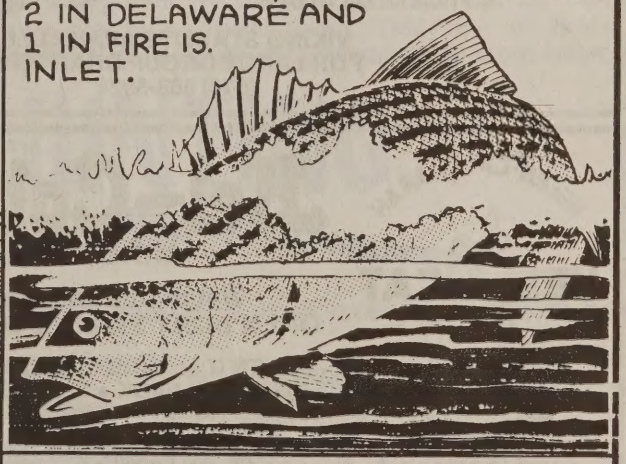

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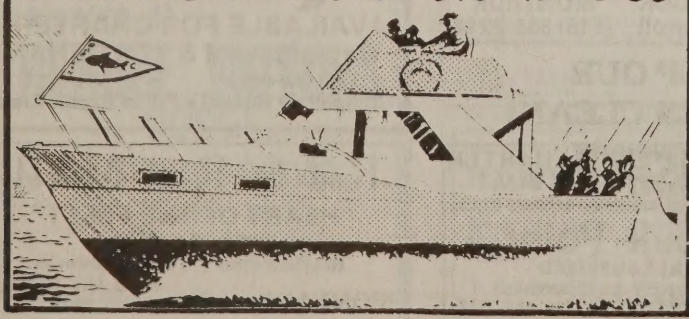

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have been over-matched if I had tied into a thousand pound marlin, but it was just right for the twenty five pound wahoo that ended up being the largest fish of the day. The rest of the fish taken were yellow fin tuna in the five to ten pound range. Although yellow fin are first rate game fish, I can't imagine they were any fun with those elephant guns.

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South Shore Report

MONTAUK

The codfishing boats are now fishing the rips off Mntauk Point and around Block Island and they seem to be reaping a good harvest of small codfish. These fish are generally in the 4 to 10 lb. range, with catches of ten to twenty fish being the rule.

Capt. Behan of the Peconic Queen II had a Mr. Bob Burke of the L.I.R.R. aboard and he was high hook one day with 57 cod. The low man had 25 cod. This action took place in the middle of the week and the boat was back at the dock at 1:30 P.M. Capt. Behan said you don't expect big fish this close inshore, however, everyone goes home with fish.

Capt. Richard Rade of the Marlin III has also experienced some hot codfishing days. Richie said that fishing the rips off the Point minimizes the dogfish problem. Again, it has been a case of many, many small fish in the under 10 lb. class with an occasional 30 lb. plus fish coming over the side. This is nice fishing because it is mostly quick pick-ups with the smaller fish rather than loading a hook with bait and waiting for that big one. Tuesday was one of Richie's better days with several hundred fish taken for eight fares.

The Viking Star, with Chuck as captain, did a bang-up job of bringing in fish for his fares. According to Mrs. Forsberg, Capt. Chuck was able to put his fares into fish every day and they loaded up their bags. No pool fish weights were available when we called so it must be assumed that they are getting the same as the rest of the boats fishing around the Point.

MORICHES

B & B Tackle reports that Louie, Chet and Jim fished on the Patricia Lee, captained by Leo Boyce, this past week and had a great time. They started fishing for cod in 50 ft. of water and progressively moved offshore to 85 ft. of water. At this point they started to catch cod and wound up with 27 of them, mostly school fish. Striped bass activity is nil. Flounder fishing for the dock fishermen is holding up but catches are small.

CAPTREE

Codfishing for the boats sailing from Captree has provided a slow pick. Both the wrecks and the open bottom are being tried. The wrecks have produced a few blackfish and pollack along with the cod. The open bottom fishing seems to be better as larger fish are being caught there. This type of fishing

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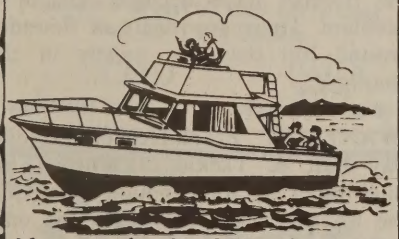

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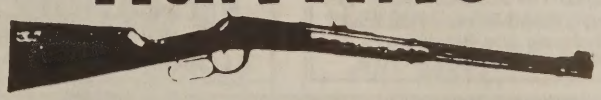

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requires patience as it takes time to find out whether the wreck or the open bottom will produce best.

Capt. George Tweedy called and reported that he had gone to a wreck to fish and made out well. The fares had a total of 45 fish and the pool fish went 35 pounds.

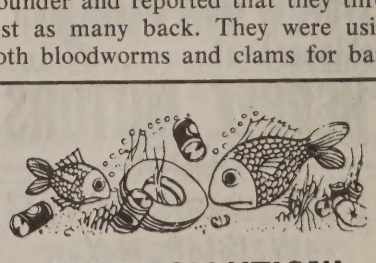
Capt. Richard Westerlind of the Capt. Richie sailed for flounder from Wednesday through Saturday and has been going very well. He has been fishing mostly up in Babylon Bay where they picked up quite a few flounders with roe. Capt. Westerlind says you won't catch flounders if you just sit there, you must stir up the bottom to get the fish moving and biting. Many catches have gone over 25 fish for some men. These fish are still going ¾ to one pound, however, the percentage of larger fish is getting better.

The Capt. Litwin had a rather disappointing weekend, however, a lesson in persistence was learned. On Saturday, a man and wife angler team took the pool with a 31 and a 26 lb. cod. Joe and Sonia Reyes are a couple of regulars that fish with Capt. Litwin. Their persistence paid off where others failed.

LINDENHURST

There are plenty of codfish in 75 ft. of water straight south of the inlet, says Charlie's Bait & Tackle. Quite a few fish were weighed in at 30 to 40 pounds. All this action is taking place on the open bottom and, according to John, the dogfish have become less of a problem. There are plenty of flounder around but they are mostly in the channels.

WANTAGH Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle interrupted his smoking of fish long enough to say that the flounders are providing the only activity which he could report on. Anglers were advised by Frank to try fishing in 4 or 5 ft. of water as well as the deeper channels for the flounder. Frank and George Nast came in with 80 flounder and reported that they threw just as many back. They were using both bloodworms and clams for bait.



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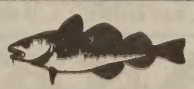

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Capt. Al Lindroth of Freeport's Capt. Al did very well fishing the wrecks over the weekend. Big fish are still predominant, averaging 15-48 lbs. Saturday's pool fish of 48 lbs. was taken by Walter Tereszkiewicz. George King took second money with a 42 lb. cod, and Ms. Stella Kolodenski boated a 40 pounder. Sunday's pool was taken by Marty Lanzetta with a 47½ lb. cow. Runner-up was Paul Panasuk with a 45 pounder. Capt. Al said that there is an occasional giant porgy mixed in and quite a few nice pollack of 15-30 lbs.

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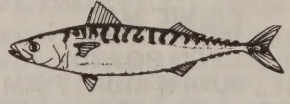

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Saturday with just a few fares and headed for the Stone Barge. The blackfish were very cooperative and everyone loaded up. A few cod were taken as a bonus. Sunday saw another good day for the ten poeple Capt. Schmidt had on board. In the morning they caught 18 codfish, mostly averaging about 5 lbs., and over 200 blackfish. Some ling and whiting were also taken. In the afternoon, on open grounds, in 90 ft. of water, there were another 10 codfish to be had. Codfishing will be concentrated on for the remainder of the season.

In Island Park, the flounder fishing is so good that Capt. Clem Esposito of the Commodore hasn't been tempted to go for cod. Two and three dozen flounder per man is not at all unusual. The hot fishing is taking place in Reynolds Channel and the drains leading to the channel. Capt. Clem remarked that the flounder fishing right now is "better than in the spring."

Duck Point is the flounder hot spot in Atlantic Beach, according to Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station. Leon reminded us that Henning's will be open for fishermen right up to the Christmas holidays.

In Sheepshead Bay, the Amberjack IV is doing pretty well with the codfish while fishing wrecks. On Saturday 40 cod were boated, the largest going 51 lbs., the runner-up 35 lbs. On Sunday over 100 cod were boated, the largest going just a hair under 30 lbs. Capt. Jay Porter has joined the Amberjack team at the helm, Capt. Fred Ardolino wanted fishermen to know. The Amberjack IV is now sailing at 6 A.M. for wreck fishing for cod, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

North Shore Report

A final round of calls to ascertain the end of North shore fishing produced a goodly amount of "thank yous" for all the anglers from every one of the dealers. The last one to stop fishing was Capt. Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet, who took his last trip of the season on December 2 and had a very good day. Don wants to thank all his fares, as well as all others, for their support. Congratulations are in order for Don as he is marrying Mary Stevenson this month. Mary is the first mate on one of his boats. How's that for togetherness?

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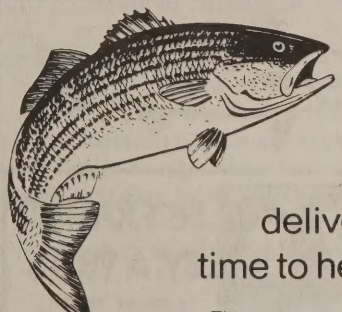

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs	12:30	**7:05**	1:00	**7:35**
Fri	1:15	**7:55**	1:50	**8:25**
Sat	2:05	**8:50**	2:40	**9:20**
Sun	3:00	**9:50**	3:35	**10:20**
Mon	4:00	**10:50**	4:35	**11:20**
Tues	5:00	**11:55**	5:35	
Wed	6:05	**12:35**	6:45	**1:05**
Thurs	7:20	**1:40**	7:50	**2:05**

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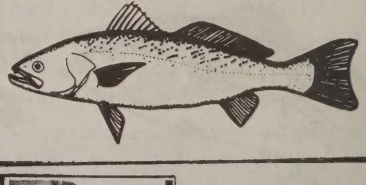

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Coastal Zone: Environmental Issues, "State of the Striped Bass Fishery in the United States".

The afternoon session will open at 2:00 p.m. with the presentation of the first Reinfelder Award for Care and Concern of American Coastal Resources, presented to Senator Abraham Ribicoff by Pat Carroll, Vice-President of the Striped Bass Fund, for his efforts on behalf of Middle Atlantic Fishermen in the protection of the Hudson River striped bass. This will be followed by a how-to fish program with: *Milt Rosko,* Expert Beach, Jetty Fisherman and Author; *Ronnie Lepper,* Skipper of the "Kim", "Trolling Bunker Spoons in New York and New Jersey Coastal Waters".; *Lou Tabory* and *Ken Bay,* Experts in Fly Fishing for Striped Bass; *Arnold (Nonny) Weinstock,* Captain of the "Poor Dossy", Sport Fisherman, "Trolling Tubes out of Montauk"; *Dr. Benjamin Florence,* Marine Biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Administration, Maryland, "Small Boat Fishing in the Chesapeake" and "Working with Popping Plugs and Bucktails"; *Nelson Bryant, New York Times* Outdoor Writer, "Surf Casting in New England".

Lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., during which time a number of authors will be available to discuss their books, which will be available for purchase. The Striped Bass Fund's first major publication, *Electrical Power Plants in the Coastal Zone:-Environmental Issues* by John Clark, will be featured and the author will be available to discuss the book. Unfortunately, no facilities will be available for serving lunch to the attendees. It is advisable that they bring prepared food and enjoy a picnic lunch.

The program will be moderated by Rod Vandivert. For further information, please contact Rod Vandivert, P.O.Box 501, Babylon, New York 11702, (516) 587-3811.

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HIGH TIDE TABLES

	SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
THURSDAY	4:01	4:27	5:35	6:04	7:10	7:43	7:32	8:02
FRIDAY	4:56	5:24	6:24	6:55	8:05	8:43	8:23	8:55
SATURDAY	5:47	6:17	7:09	7:46	9:00	9:36	9:14	9:47
SUNDAY	6:38	7:08	7:57	8:35	9:55	10:33	10:04	10:38
MONDAY	7:28	7:59	8:48	9:26	10:45	11:26	10:53	11:29
TUESDAY	8:17	8:52	9:41	10:17	11:40		11:45	
WEDNESDAY	9:09	9:47	10:34	11:14	12:20	12:33	12:19	12:38
THURSDAY	10:03	10:44	11:31		1:15	1:31	1:12	1:31

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunck Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet,Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

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12/31	12/3	12/10	12/16
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on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	+0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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